

[13th November 1922]

Punitive police in Guntur.

462 Q.—Mr. P. VENKATASUBBA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the strength of the punitive police force in the Guntur district, the cost of such force per month, the total cost up to date, the places where the force is located, and the work done since March 1922 up to date?

A.—The strength of the force is 1 Assistant Superintendent of Police, 1 Deputy Superintendent of Police, 1 Inspector, 1 Sergeant, 1 Jemadar, 16 head constables and 200 constables.

The approximate monthly cost is Rs. 9,200.

The total cost up to the 15th August 1922 is approximately Rs. 59,800.

The force has been moved about the district as circumstances required and its work has been the police function of maintaining order.

APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 328 asked by Mr. M. Appalanarasayya Nayudu at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 13th November 1922, page 460 supra.]

G.O. No. 450, Law, dated 1st March 1921.

The Government have given their careful consideration to the memorials submitted by the District Government Pleaders and Public Prosecutors for a revision of the scale of retaining and other fees now allowed to them for the conduct of civil and criminal cases and to the recommendations of the various district officers thereon. They are satisfied that a case has been made out for an increase in the emoluments of these Law officers and are accordingly pleased to issue the following orders:—

Retaining fees.—Instead of the varying rates of retaining fees now in force, viz., Rs. 50 and Rs. 30, the Government sanction a uniform rate of Rs. 100 per mensem to all mufassal Government Pleaders and Public Prosecutors in the Presidency. In districts where the officers of Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor are separate, the retaining fees will be Rs. 50 for a Government Pleader and Rs. 50 for a Public Prosecutor. The Public Prosecutor of the Agency division will be allowed a retaining fee of Rs. 50 per mensem. The increased rate will take effect from 1st April 1921.

Fees in criminal cases.—(1) *At headquarters.*—The maximum fee payable under the existing rules to Public Prosecutors for the conduct of criminal cases at headquarters is Rs. 25 for each case which does not last for more than a day and Rs. 25 for each day or part of a day when a case lasts for more than one day. These rates will be raised to Rs. 35.

(2) *At out-stations.*—For conducting criminal cases in outlying stations Public Prosecutors will henceforth be allowed a fee of Rs. 50 for each day spent in court or occupied in travelling.

Fees in civil cases.—In civil cases concerning the Revenue Department, special fees are sanctioned by the Board and the Collectors subject to the limits of Rs. 25 per diem and of Rs. 75 in each case. These limits will be increased to Rs. 35 and Rs. 100, respectively.

Fees to private pleaders.—The scale of fees which Collectors and District Magistrates, the Board of Revenue and Sessions Judges are empowered to